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For : TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert -- This application is a continuation of PCT/SE99/01241, filed on July 7, 1999, entitled TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE, and which is incorporated herein by reference.---

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-5" to --claim 1--.

- Claim 7, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-6" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-7" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-8" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-9" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-10" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-8" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 13, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-12" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 14, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-12" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 15, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-12" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 16, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-15" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-16" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-16" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 19, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-16" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 20, line 1, change "any of the previous claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 21, line 1, change "claims 1-20" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 22, line 1, change "claims 1-20" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 23, line 1, change "claims 1-20 and 22" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 24, line 1, change "any of the previous claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 26, line 1, change "any of the previous claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 27, line 1, change "any of claims 1-25" to --claim 1--.

- Claim 28, lines 2-3, change "any of the previous claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 29, lines 2-3, change "any of claims 1-26" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 30, line 9, change "any of claims 1-26" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 32, line 1, change "claims 30 and 31" to --claim 1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract which is attached on a separate sheet.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to include a cross-reference to PCT/SE99/01241, filed July 7, 1999 and to remove the multiple dependent claims.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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